

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS PPCR INVESTMENT PLAN

STRATEGIC PROGRAM FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE (SPCR)

Samoa



As a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) located in the southwest Pacific Ocean, Samoa is particularly vulnerable to climate change. The growing risk from increased frequency and intensity of climate hazards poses a growing challenge to its economic development. SIDS are especially vulnerable due to their social, institutional and economic characteristics—small size, food and water insecurity, limited economies of scale and isolation from markets, dependence on import foods and fuels, poverty and growing urbanization, fragile ecosystems and susceptibility to natural disasters.

One of the major challenges for Samoa is ensuring that the impacts of climate change do not reverse its hard won development gains. This is especially important for isolated communities, women, children, youth and the disabled.

Samoa will use resources from the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) to develop and implement a Strategic Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR). The SPCR prioritizes investments that will focus on shifting from project-based interventions to a broader programmatic approach to building resiliency.

As part of the Pacific regional program Samoa will link with, and be supported by, each of the components of the Pacific regional track. The components of the regional track that overlap with Samoa's national Strategic Program include:

SAMOA SPCR FINANCING

PPCR financing: **\$25 million**

PPCR investments to Samoa are all provided as grants.

Expected co-financing: **\$14.6 million**

Status: Samoa's SPCR was endorsed in March 2011

Samoa's climate resilient investment plan has been developed as a broad-based strategy for achieving climate resilience at the national level in the medium and longer-terms based on other policy and planning instruments. It was prepared using inclusive and participatory processes involving all relevant stakeholders, with particular consideration for women and the most vulnerable communities.

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SAMOA IS PART OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL PILOT PROGRAM

The Pacific regional track will benefit all Pacific Island countries and work closely and collaboratively with the agencies that form part of the Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific. The regional overlay will promote replication and up-scaling of good practices, leveraging investments, as well as monitoring and dissemination of lessons learned.

The main rationale for a regional track is that individual countries and the region as a whole are highly vulnerable to climate change and face a number of barriers in addressing climate risks, which they have found difficult to overcome acting independently.

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- Expert assistance in mainstreaming climate change adaptation into national policies and plans;
- Identification of pilot programs; and
- Support for Pacific Island countries capacity to access and manage climate change resources.

There are three priority initiatives in Samoa's SPCR including the strengthening of key infrastructure as well as technical assistance.

Investment project 1: Enhancing the climate resilience of the West Coast Road (Apia to Airport)

(MDB implementing partner: World Bank)

This project will provide a climate resilient West Coast Road and prepare a country-wide program for enhancing the overall road network of Samoa.

Key results: Increased resilience of the West Coast Road infrastructure to extreme weather effects; improved transit conditions for all road users; reduced maintenance costs.

Investment project 2: Enhancing the climate resilience of coastal resources and communities

(MDB implementing partner: World Bank)

There are three main components of this project:

- Implementation of plans to manage climate and disaster related threats;
- Knowledge management; and
- Support for civil society organizations.

Key results: Reduced vulnerability and enhanced capacity of natural systems and coastal communities to recover from impacts associated with climate change and extreme weather events.

Technical assistance component:

(MDB implementing partner: World Bank)

Technical assistance will address needs at many levels. This component refers specifically to assistance related to the establishment of an environmental trust fund for Samoa that will provide small grants to local communities for adaptation related activities at the local level.

Key result: Climate change adaptation trust fund established for Samoa.

What is the PPCR?

The PPCR is a program of the Climate Investment Funds' Strategic Climate Fund (SCF), and is designed to pilot and demonstrate ways to integrate climate risk and resilience into developing countries' core development planning and actions. The PPCR has \$1 billion contributed by Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Norway, Spain, UK and US.

There are nine country pilots (Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cambodia, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Tajikistan, Yemen, Zambia); and two regional pilots (Caribbean: Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines; South Pacific: Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga).

Eleven SPCRs have been endorsed: Bangladesh, Niger, Tajikistan, Cambodia, Mozambique, Nepal, Zambia; Caribbean Regional Program: Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia; Pacific Regional Program: Samoa.

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